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By the Kings Maiesties Surueyor of coales to be shipped at Newcastle vpon Tyne, Sunderland, and Blythe, and other places adiacent, to bee brought to the City of London, or otherwise to be spent within the Realme of ENGLAND.



He Kings most Excellent Maiestie, affecting nothing more then the good of his loving Subiects in generall, and hauing bene very credibly enformed of the great abuses & Wrongs daily committed in mingling amongst coales, commonly called Newcastle coales, much blacke Earth, Dirt, Slate, and other bad stuffe not fit to burne or serue for firing, and so doe bring and vtter the same into this Realme, and thereby for the most part doe make good coales vnnmerchantable, to the great hurt and preiudice of the buyers therof, which are very many: Whom for the preservation of Woods, many Noble men, Knights and Gentry of this Realme (besides others of his Maiesties Subiects) doe burne of the same coales.

Hath bene graciously pleased by his highnesse Letters Patents, vnder his Maiesties great Seale of England, bearing date the five and twentieth day of February, in the thirteenth yeere of his Maiesties raigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the nine and fortieth, to prohibite and suppress such Wrongs and abuses, as aforesayd: And to appoynt a Surueyor of the said coales, who, or his Deputie or Deputies are to bee attending and attendant in and about the searching, vieweing, seeing and surueying of the said coales: And are appointed to enforce and complaine against such as shall offend in such mingling as aforesaid: And to haue a Seale of office vnder which to certifie what coales, and of what sort of goodnesse of coales, any Master, Owner or Shipper, doe or shall take in, freight or lade into their Ships or boates at the places abovesayd, to bee brought to the City of London, or otherwise to be spent within this Realme of England, To the end that the buyers of the said coales may the better know or bee enformed of the goodnesse or badnesse of them.

And also, if any person or persons, shall at any time or times heereafter haue any cause or causes of complaint against any Master, Owner, Shipper, or others, for selling vnto them such vnnmerchantable coales, as aforesaid: Let him or them repaire vnto Andrew Boyde Esquier, his Maiesties Surueyor in that behalfe appointed, or vnto his Deputie or Deputies, & there in Writing leaue his or their cause or causes of complaint touching the premises, & speedy Information, according to the prouision of the said Letters Patents, shall be made and giuen against such as doe or shall offend against the same Letters Patents: As his Maiesties most gracious pleasure is therein signified.

The Office is kept at the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne.

God saue the King.

